

**SYNOPSIS OF AMENDING THE CODE OF SOUTH BETHANY, CHAPTER 34,  
BEACHES, § 34-9, BEACH PARTIES, TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN  
MANAGER TO PERMIT A TOWN SPONSORED BONFIRE ON THE BEACH IN  
SOUTH BETHANY  
ORDINANCE 195-19 (FIRST READING)**

(Sponsored by Councilmember Stevenson)

This ordinance amends Chapter 34, "Beaches", §34-9 to authorize the Town Manager to permit a Town sponsored bonfire on the beach in South Bethany.

**ORDINANCE NO. 195-19**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND** the Code of the Town of South Bethany, Chapter 34, **Beaches**, to authorize the Town Manager to permit a Town sponsored bonfire on the beach in South Bethany

**BE IT HEREBY ENACTED** by the Council of the Town of South Bethany, Sussex County, a majority thereof concurring in Council duly met, that Chapter 34 ("Beaches") be amended as follows (additions are **highlighted** and deletions **marked through**):

**CHAPTER 34**  
**Beaches**

**§ 34-9. Beach parties.**

The Mayor or his designee is authorized to issue a beach party permit to a resident of the town over the age of 18 years.

- A. Such permits shall be limited to an area, not closer than 75 feet to any dwelling or any sand dune. The person to whom a permit is issued shall be charged with the responsibility that the party does not create or lead to disorderly behavior. The party area shall be cleaned by the person obtaining the permit, in accordance with cleanup procedures issued by the town.
- B. Every person who is issued a permit shall give the town a deposit ~~of \$50.~~ **The deposit shall be listed in the Town of South Bethany Schedule of Fees.** The deposit ~~of \$50~~ shall be refunded if the cleanup procedures issued by the town are complied with. If the cleanup procedures are not complied with, the deposit shall be forfeited.

**§ 34-10. Beach bonfires.**

~~C.A. Activities prohibited.~~ It shall be unlawful for any person to build and/or light any fires on the beach within the jurisdiction of the Town of South Bethany. [Added 3-10-2000 by Ord. No. 90-99]

**B. Notwithstanding § 34-10A above, the Town Manager is authorized to permit a Town sponsored bonfire on the beach, subject to the prior review and approval of the Chief of Police for safety purposes.**

**Effective date: This ordinance shall become effective upon the date of adoption.**

**ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY,  
SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE, ON THE \_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2019.**

SEAL:

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Tim Saxton, Mayor

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Carol Stevenson, Council Secretary

ATTEST:\_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 7/12/19  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading:

Sponsored by Councilmember Stevenson  
CS:phs:Ordinance 195-19  
First Reading

**CERTIFICATION FOR REGULAR ORDINANCES**

This is to certify that the notice and brief description of the foregoing ordinance was published in the COASTAL POINT Newspaper on 7/5/19 and posted on the Town's website on 7/8/19, prior to the first reading.

This is to certify that the notice and brief description of the foregoing ordinance was published in the COASTAL POINT Newspaper on \_\_\_\_\_ and posted on the Town's website on \_\_\_\_\_, after its adoption.